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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Utilities Service

#### 7 CFR Part 1734

RIN 0572-AC37

#### Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

**AGENCY:** Rural Utilities Service, USDA.  
**ACTION:** Final rule; affirmation.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), a Rural Development agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), hereinafter referred to as RUS or the Agency, is confirming the final rule published in the **Federal Register** on November 27, 2017, which amends its regulation for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program.

**DATES:** Effective March 9, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth Kuchno, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Policy and Outreach Division, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Program, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, STOP 1599, Room 2870-S, Washington, DC 20250-1550. Telephone number: (202) 690-4673.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), has issued a final rule to streamline, revise, and update the Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program, to minimize the burden of applying for and awarding grants (82 FR 55923; Nov. 27, 2017). The Agency's goal is to reduce the regulatory burden on grant applicants and to ensure that grant funds are awarded for projects with the most demonstrable need.

RUS invited comments regarding the new procedures for implementing the DLT Grant Program and received comments from: The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma; Herzing University; and Ms. Kayla Boylen. These comments and the

Agency's responses are summarized as follows:

#### General Support for the Changes to the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program (DLT)

*Comment:* Respondents commented that they were in support of the Program and that the Program is needed in rural America.

#### Twenty Percent Funding Cap for Broadband Facilities

*Comment:* One respondent commented that they were in support of adding broadband facilities as an eligible project, however, there was concern that twenty percent of the requested grant amount for this purpose was not sufficient.

*Response:* It should be noted that the DLT Program is not intended to provide residential/business broadband service. RUS has other loan and grant programs for this purpose. Broadband facilities have been added to the DLT program to ensure that rural schools and medical facilities that currently do not have broadband service have a means to bring distance learning and telemedicine to those facilities. All broadband facilities funded under this program must be used to deliver distance learning and telemedicine.

#### Fifteen Percent Matching Fund Requirement

*Comment:* One respondent commented that due to the economic nature of areas eligible for the DLT Program that there should be no matching funds requirement.

*Response:* For projects to become successful, it is imperative that all parties involved are both financially and non-financially vested, and that the success of the project is not dependent entirely on the grant funding. Additionally, a matching fund component also allows RUS to leverage the limited grant funding received and to fund more projects. A fifteen percent matching fund requirement is a reasonable amount and demonstrates the sincerity of the applicant to make the proposed project a success.

#### Better Communications

*Comment:* One commenter suggested that outreach efforts be improved to better communicate the changes to the application scoring criteria as well as the program's eligibility requirements.

*Response:* RUS has and continues to be mindful of communicating timely information about its programs. The Agency plans to introduce a series of webinars which will address all of the recent changes to the Program as well as other program requirements, criteria, and issues. The webinars will be scheduled on different days and times to accommodate the varying schedules of potential applicants across the country.

The Agency appreciates the interest of the commenters and thanks them for their comment submissions.

Dated: February 16, 2018.

**Christopher McLean,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.*

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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

### 11 CFR Part 1

[Notice 2018-04]

#### Change of Address; Technical Amendment

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.  
**ACTION:** Final rule; technical amendment.

**SUMMARY:** The relocation of the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") to a new building with a different street address has been delayed by two weeks. The Commission is updating its regulations to reflect the new relocation date.

**DATES:** This rule is effective March 9, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Tony Buckley, Attorney, or Mr. Eugene Lynch, Paralegal, (202) 694-1650 or (800) 424-9530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 26, 2017, the Federal Election Commission published a Final Rule (82 FR 60852) announcing its official relocation in 2018 to a new street address, and amending its regulations to reflect the change in location. The Final Rule stated that the Commission would relocate on March 5, 2018 to its new street address: 1050 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20463. The Commission's relocation has since been delayed, however, and the Commission will now relocate to its new street

address on March 19, 2018. Until March 19, 2018, the Commission will continue to reside and receive mail at 999 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20463.

The Commission is promulgating these amendments without advance notice or an opportunity for comment because they fall under the “good cause” exemption of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). The Commission finds that notice and comment are unnecessary here because these amendments are merely technical; they effect no substantive changes to any rule. For the same reason, these amendments fall within the “good cause” exception to the delayed effective date provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act and the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), 808(2). Moreover, because these amendments are exempt from the notice and comment procedure of the Administrative Procedure Act under 5 U.S.C. 553(b), the Commission is not required to conduct a regulatory flexibility analysis under 5 U.S.C. 603 or 604. See 5 U.S.C. 601(2), 604(a). Nor is the Commission required to submit these amendments for congressional review under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act, as amended, or the Presidential Primary Matching Payment Account Act, as amended. See 52 U.S.C. 30111(d)(1), (4) (providing for congressional review when Commission “prescribe[s] a ‘rule of law’”); 26 U.S.C. 9009(c)(1), (4), 9039(c)(1), (4) (same).

#### List of Subjects in 11 CFR Part 1

Privacy.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, the Federal Election Commission amends 11 CFR chapter I as follows:

#### PART 1—PRIVACY ACT

- 1. The authority citation for part 1 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** U.S.C. 552a.

##### § 1.2 [Amended]

- 2. Amend § 1.2 in the definition for “Commission” by removing “March 5, 2018” and adding in its place “March 19, 2018”.

On behalf of the Commission.

Dated: March 1, 2018.

**Caroline C. Hunter,**

*Chair, Federal Election Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2018-0164; Product Identifier 2018-NM-026-AD; Amendment 39-19220; AD 2018-05-11]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Airbus Model A320-214, -251N, and -271N airplanes. This AD requires an inspection for any damaged bolt and nut in each cargo fire extinguishing bottle installation, and replacement of any damaged bolt and nut. This AD was prompted by a report that a dynamometric key, previously used for installing the cargo fire extinguishing bottle system, was out of tolerance. As a result, an incorrect torque value may have been applied to the bolts maintaining the fire extinguishing bottles in place. We are issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD becomes effective March 26, 2018.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of March 26, 2018.

We must receive comments on this AD by April 23, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For service information identified in this final rule, contact Airbus, Airworthiness Office—EIAS, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac

Cedex, France; telephone +33 5 61 93 36 96; fax +33 5 61 93 44 51; email [account.airworth-eas@airbus.com](mailto:account.airworth-eas@airbus.com); internet <http://www.airbus.com>. You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Standards Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195. It is also available on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2018-0164.

#### Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2018-0164; or in person at the Docket Operations office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Operations office (telephone 800-647-5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sanjay Ralhan, Aerospace Engineer, International Section, Transport Standards Branch, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone and fax 206-231-3223.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Discussion

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA Airworthiness Directive 2018-0038, dated February 7, 2018 (referred to after this as the Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information, or “the MCAI”), to correct an unsafe condition for certain Airbus Model A320-214, -251N, and -271N airplanes. The MCAI states:

During a periodic check on the final assembly line, a dynamometric key, previously used for installing the cargo fire extinguishing bottle system, was found out of tolerance. As a consequence, an incorrect torque value may have been applied to the screws maintaining the fire extinguishing bottle in place. Vibration during normal operation of the aeroplane could further loosen these screws.

This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to disconnection of a cargo fire extinguishing bottle, possibly resulting in loss of the fire protection system in the lower deck cargo compartment.

Prompted by this finding, Airbus issued [Alert Operators Transmission] AOT A26N003-16 (later revised) to provide